

CONGRATULATING PEREZ BROS, INC. ON BEING NAMED THE 2007 SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION JEFFREY BUTLAND FAMILY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR FOR GUAM

HON. MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO

OF GUAM

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 5, 2007

Ms. BORDALLO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Perez Bros, Inc. of Upper Tumon, Guam on being named the U.S. Small Business Administration 2007 Jeffrey Butland Family-Owned Business of the Year for Guam.

Perez Bros, Inc. was founded by the late Frank D. Perez on September 1951. Perez Bros began as a hardware store outside his mother-in-law's home on Guam. It was a conglomerate comprised of a construction company, manufacturer of concrete block products, a hardware store and related services. In 1960, Frank D. Perez incorporated his company and opened a 12,000 square foot store in Hagatna, Guam. Perez Bros, Inc. now manufactures, supplies and transports ready-mix concrete masonry blocks, pre-cast concrete, limestone aggregates, and related concrete accessories. One of only two concrete manufacturers on Guam, Perez Bros, Inc. is the only locally owned concrete producer based on the founder and owner's indigenous background.

In the early 70's Perez Bros, Inc. started expanding, opening an asphalt and crusher plant. The company spent \$1 million buying a fleet of dump trucks, mixers and paving equipment. Perez Bros, Inc. won bids for major projects on four island roadways. In 1973 Perez Bros, Inc. was hit hard by the oil crisis and eventually in 1982 Perez Bros, Inc. had to shut down their asphalt plant and hardware store. Guam's economy started an upswing when a tourism boom began in the latter part of the decade. Soon construction cranes putting up high-rise hotels were the dominant feature of the Tumon, Guam skyline. Perez Bros, Inc. was quick to take advantage of the boom. "We own the land that we quarry, we own the crusher that processes the rocks, the dump trucks that bring it here and the mixers that deliver it to our customers. So we really don't have, with the exception of the asphalt plant, we don't have an ongoing battle with bureaucracy," said Tom, son of the late Frank D. Perez, in an interview for a business magazine. Perez Bros, Inc. revenues peaked in 1998 during the tourism boom and continues to peak with the impending military buildup starting in 2008. The military estimates \$10 billion will be pumped into Guam in the form of military and related construction projects over the next eight years.

Greg, Tom and John are three of the six sons born to the late Frank D. Perez. The brothers currently own and operate Perez Bros Inc. on Guam. Greg (the third eldest brother) serves as Vice President of Administration, Tom (the fifth eldest brother) is currently the President of Perez Bros, Inc and John (the youngest brother) have spent the last 20 years diversifying their business interests on Guam, creating hundreds of local jobs for Guam's workforce and strengthening Guam economy. Collectively, all three brothers

were groomed by their father to pursue various disciplines relevant to continuity and growth of the family business. They continue to follow their father's vision and they hope to instill in their children the work ethic that their father instilled in them. This is important for the survival of the family business. The brothers realize that it is up to them to map out the company's next 50 years.

IN HONOR OF RUDY FARBER

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BLUNT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Rudy Farber, who recently celebrated his 50th year of service at the Community Bank and Trust in Neosho, Missouri.

At the age of 16, as soon as he could drive, Rudy began working in the bookkeeping department of the Bank of Neosho. Over the course of his career he has watched the bank go from figuring interest by hand to the automated process that it is today. Rudy became president of the bank in 1979, taking over for his father who had served as president since 1942. Rudy's father was dedicated to the community and Rudy has followed in his footsteps by believing that community bankers should be involved in community improvement. In 1987, Rudy introduced an employee stock ownership program for the bank. The employees currently own half of the bank and Rudy plans that in the future the employees will purchase his interest and keep the bank employee owned. Before becoming president, Rudy worked as an assistant cashier, assistant vice-president and served in the United States Navy from 1963–1967. The bank changed its name to the Community Bank and Trust in 1993 and now operates branches throughout Southwest Missouri. Rudy continues to serve as president and chairman of the Community Bank and Trust. Rudy and his wife Dorothy have two children, Aaron and Nori Vial.

I am proud to congratulate Rudy Farber on his 50 years of service as a community leader in Neosho.

HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS
OF CASIMIR PULASKI

HON. DANIEL LIPINSKI

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LIPINSKI. Madam Speaker, today we salute and honor the life of Casimir Pulaski. Casimir Pulaski was born in Poland and gained extensive military experience there before moving to the United States in 1777. At that time, the U.S. was in the midst of the Revolutionary War, and George Washington's army was in need of experienced commanders. Casimir Pulaski bravely volunteered to serve with the American troops, famously stating, "I came here, where freedom is being defended, to serve it, and to live or die for it." Casimir Pulaski soon distinguished himself in battles at Brandywine and Charleston before being fatally wounded during the Battle of Sa-

vannah. However, his military legacy lives on, as he is still known as the "Father of the American Cavalry".

As Illinois celebrates Casimir Pulaski Day today, it is my honor to join in recognizing the life and achievements of that great patriot. In Congress, I am working with many of my colleagues to pass legislation that would make Casimir Pulaski a citizen posthumously. I believe this is a fitting tribute for a man who did so much to win the independence, rights and liberties that Americans enjoy today.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF 2ND LIEUTENANT MARK J.
DAILY

HON. JOHN CAMPBELL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAMPBELL of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of 2nd Lieutenant Mark J. Daily—an honorable citizen and hero in our nation's War on Terrorism.

Lieutenant Daily grew up in Irvine, California, and graduated from Woodbridge High School in 2001. He was known among family and friends as having an amazing breadth of knowledge, a strong desire to serve, and a wonderful sense of humor.

In 2005, Lieutenant Daily graduated from the University of California at Los Angeles as a Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) cadet with a bachelor's degree in political science. His ability and work ethic was further exemplified that year when he was named as both the ROTC outstanding cadet and a Distinguished Military Graduate, the highest honor one can receive in the ROTC.

As a member of the United States Army's 4th Brigade Combat Team, he was stationed in Iraq's northern city of Mosul. Tragically, on January 15, 2007, Lieutenant Daily made the ultimate sacrifice when he was killed conducting operations in the city.

Lieutenant Daily is survived by his wife, Snejana; his parents, John and Linda; his sisters, Christine and Nicole; and his brother, Eric. He valued their love, and they miss him terribly now. On his webpage, Lieutenant Daily listed his interests as "family, peace, and progress." And it is in the value that he placed on these three things that we see the quality of his character.

The night before he left for Iraq, Lieutenant Daily wrote an online weblog to friends and family entitled "Why I Joined." In the post, he articulately stated the importance of fostering a stable democratic government in Iraq, and the harsh consequences of failure. He called upon all Americans to challenge themselves, to not just enjoy the blessings of liberty, but to act upon them.

In the wake of his death, Lieutenant Daily's web log was widely distributed in newspapers and on the internet. These words have served as an inspiration and encouragement to many. It is clear he felt passionately about what he was doing and why he was doing it. What better way to remember his heart for service and commitment to progress than by reflecting on his own words. Mr. Speaker, the following web log entry was posted on his website on October 29, 2006:

WHY I JOINED

This question has been asked of me so many times in so many different contexts